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Mr. Robert D. Lynn  
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Dear Mr. Lynn:

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss various technicalities in the temporary abandonment of the Jackpile-Paguate Mine, Pueblo of Laguna Uranium Leases 1, 4, and 8.

You have proposed to restrict access to the underground mine workings by placing earthen plugs in all adits and the decline. This procedure is acceptable if you will agree to adequately vent the plugs and provide written assurance that Anaconda will reenter and repair these entries as necessary to complete final abandonment procedures. I will notify you when the plugs may be installed.

You have agreed to temporarily cap all ventilation shafts without surface fans by welding vented steel plates over the shaft casings at the collar. The surface fans at all other ventilation shafts will remain in place until you are notified that they may be removed and the shafts temporarily capped. I would appreciate you advising me which two ventilation shafts could be used to ventilate the P-10 decline for final abandonment operations.

During our technical discussion, it was noted that the emergency exit from the P-7 area was blocked at the bottom of the South Paguate Pit by a locked gate. I believe we agreed that this gate should be securely closed by welding, and I would appreciate your assurance that this will be done.

You agreed to investigate the installation of fencing across open-pit access roads to prevent the entry of livestock into the open pits. Please notify me when this effort is completed so that I may inspect the installations for adequacy.

As we agreed, none of the equipment or supplies listed in your February 5 "Jackpile Inventory" will be removed from the leaseholds until the performance bond issue has been resolved.

Thank you again for your cooperation. If you have any questions about the temporary abandonment procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) DALE C. JONES

Dale C. Jones  
District Mining Supervisor

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